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Maple Dell Farm stream restoration project to begin

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – A Howard County construction project to improve an eroded stream at Maple Dell Farm, 1960 Daisy Road in Woodbine, is underway.

Maple Dell Farm, located on each side of Cattail Creek within the Triadelphia Reservoir watershed, features a stream which has experienced channel instabilities resulting from timber harvest, watershed development, overgrazing and agriculture. The restoration will involve approximately 6,000 linear feet of stream restoration, selective harvesting of approximately 10 acres of trees to establish new pasture and the installation of approximately 4,500 linear feet of new fence to exclude the dairy herd from the restoration area. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed by late May 2019.

The project will support the County's water quality improvement and restoration efforts under its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has partnered with Howard County to fund the establishment of a 15-acre riparian easement at the site, to plant trees within this easement and to monitor water quality before, during and after construction. The 15-acre easement will encompass the streams and a large portion of the floodplain on the farm. The project is partially funded through a Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund grant, as well as the County's Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund.

The project is not expected to impact the flow of traffic in the area. Signs will be posted in the area to alert residents of the project.

For questions or concerns about Capital Project D-1158, contact Lisa Brightwell, Public Works Customer Service, at 410-313-3440 or email publicworks@howardcountymd.gov.

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